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**DATE:** February 18, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Manager, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** Gayle's Chocolate- Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED  
ACTION:** Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the neighboring State of Michigan, and not in Indiana. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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### **Gayle's Chocolate Recalls Sugar Free Chocolate Covered Peanuts Sold In-Store and at Detroit Metro Airport Because of Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**  
Gayle Harte  
248-398-0001

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** --Royal Oak, MI -- February 13, 2009 --- Gayle's Chocolates of Royal Oak, MI is recalling 48 - 10 oz boxes of sugar free chocolate covered peanuts packaged under the name of Gayle's Chocolates, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Product was sold at retail in Gayle's Chocolates store in Royal Oak, MI and in two stores at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Product is labeled as Gayle's Chocolate Sugar Free Chocolate Covered Peanuts, net wt 10 oz., Gayle's Chocolate, Royal Oak, MI. UPC 3447803065.

Gayle's has received no complaints of illness to date and all product has been pulled from store shelves and destroyed.

Gayle's Chocolates was informed by their vendor for sugar free product, Albanese Nut Company that they had purchased peanuts from PCA.

Any person that purchased 1 10 oz. package of Gayle's Chocolates sugar free chocolate covered peanuts is urged to destroy them, or to return them for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the Gayle's Chocolates at 1-248-398-0001. More information on peanut related products being recalled is available on the website [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

For more information call Gayle or Rochelle at Gayle's Chocolates at 248 398 0001 between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

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